

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Second Worcester Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Second Worcester Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (608) of these admissions reside in the Second Worcester Representative District.<sup>1</sup> **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Second Worcester Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 77% were male and 23% were female.
- 60% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 8% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 15% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 28% had less than high school education, 46% completed high school, and 26% had more than high school education.
- 32% were employed.
- 8% were homeless.
- 21% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Second Worcester Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	43%	40%	9%	3%	1%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

<sup>1</sup> To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Second Worcester Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	590	536	169	144	133	101	72
<b>FY '96</b>	551	490	167	113	102	114	78
<b>FY '97</b>	573	485	184	153	117	143	100
<b>FY '98</b>	640	556	220	149	112	163	106
<b>FY '99</b>	756	644	270	188	148	221	169
<b>FY '00</b>	692	562	203	145	110	222	162
<b>FY '01</b>	750	562	233	180	128	283	223
<b>FY '02</b>	608	410	188	151	78	267	205